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DAREDEVIL

THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!



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LOOK OUT, BLIND MAN!
HERE COMES
TAGAK,
THE
LEOPARD LORD!

AND
LOOK
WHERE
HE'S
COMING
FROM!!!

DAREDEVIL, THE MAN WITHOUT FEAR!™

LO! THE LORD OF THE LEOPARDS!

INTRODUCING:
THE
MYSTERIOUS
MAN
CALLED
TAGAK!



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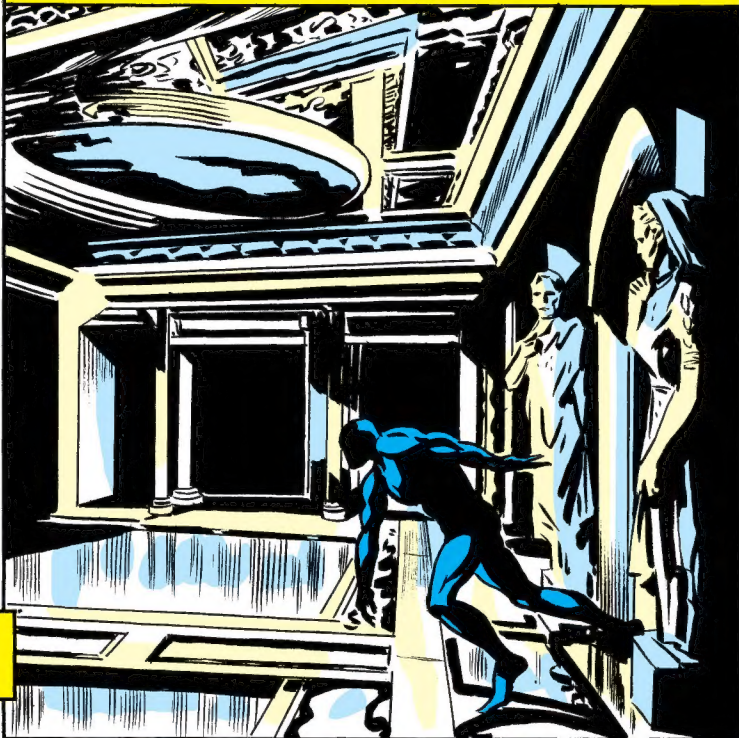
SO MUCH FOR
PLEASANTRIES!
NOW,
LET'S GO--!!

MIDNIGHT...THE STEADY
HEARTBEAT OF SILENCE
PULSES UNBROKEN...THE
SHADOWS SEEP THICKLY
'ROUND DARKENED
CORNERS...

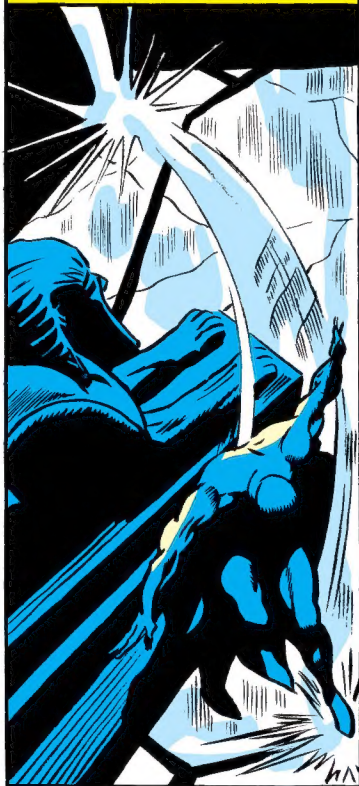


...**A**ND IN THAT
DARKNESS--
MOVEMENT!

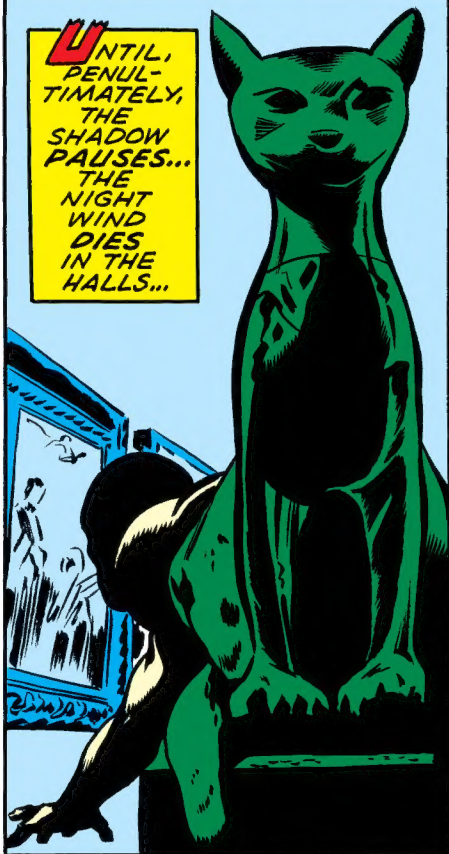
LITHE...SOUNDLESS, HE DARTS FORWARD LIKE A
SILKEN CAT, WHISPERING 'CROSS MARBLE FLOORS,
A SHIFTING SPOT OF BLACK AGAINST THE WANING
GLOW OF PALE MOONLIGHT...!



QUIETLY, SOFTLY--A
BREATH OF MIDNIGHT
AIR, HE RUNS...



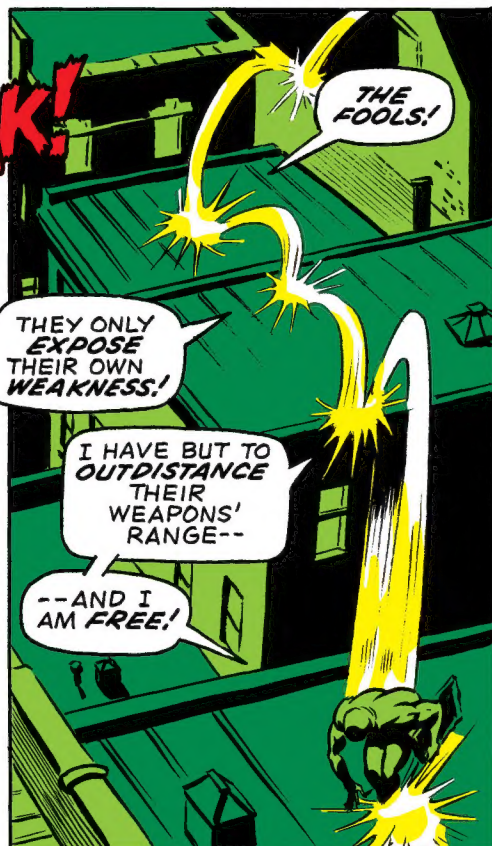
UNTIL,
PENUL-
TIMATELY,
THE
SHADOW
PAUSES...
THE
NIGHT
WIND
DIES
IN THE
HALLS...



...**A**ND THE THIEF
STEALS!









...THERE'S **TROUBLE!**
AND, NEEDLESS TO
SAY, WHERE
THERE'S TROUBLE,
THERE'S ROOM FOR
DAREDEVIL!

BLAST IT--
WHAT'S THE
USE?

YOU CAN'T
EVEN FOOL
YOURSELF,
MATTHEW!



YOUR
MIND'S
NOT ON
CRIME-
BUSTING...

IT'S ON A
COMELY
EX-SECRETARY
NAMED **KAREN**
PAGE... EX-GIRL
FRIDAY...

...EX-
LOVE!



SO, DON'T PLAY COOL
TONIGHT, PAL--NOT
WHEN YOUR EVERY
THOUGHT'S ON
SOMEONE WHO'D
CALL YOU
DARLING...

...IF IT WEREN'T
FOR YOUR
BLASTED **MASK!**



CUT THE SOUL-
SEARCHING
SOLILOQUIES,
DD!

ACCORDING TO
THE CURRENT
HEARTBEAT
COUNT... YOU'RE
FACING FOUR
STALWART **PEACE**
OFFICERS!

WHAT'S
HAPPENING,
AMIGOS?



NOTHING
MUCH,
HERO-
MAN...

ONLY A LITTLE
ROBBERY
OF A THREE-
MILLION-
DOLLAR
REMBRANDT!

CARE
TO FILL
ME IN?



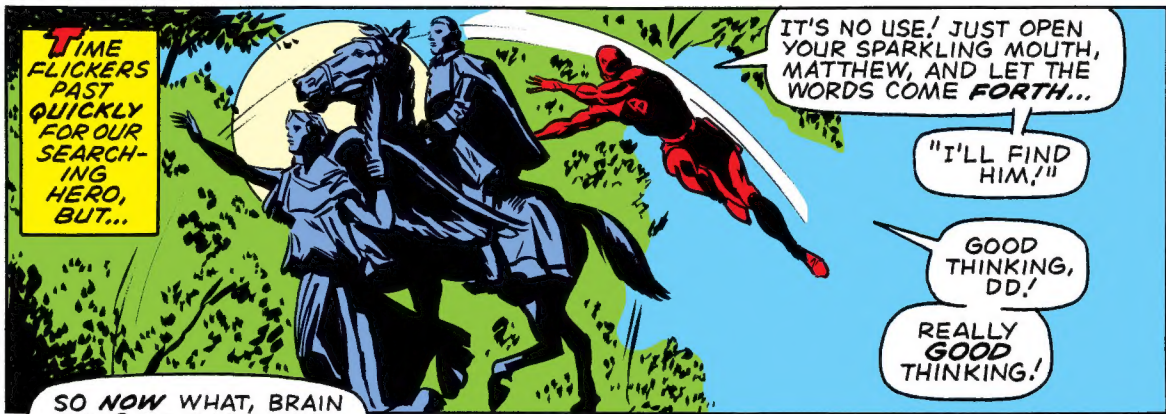
WHAT FOR?
IF YOU HAD
WINGS, YOU
MIGHT'A
BEEN ABLE
TO **CATCH**
THE GUY...

OTHERWISE...
NO **WAY!**

WHOEVER HE
WAS--HE MOVED
LIKE A
BLASTED **CAT!**

DON'T WRITE
ME OFF **700**
QUICKLY,
SARGE!

LEAST--NOT
UNTIL WE'VE
SEEN A LITTLE
DD ACTION!



IT'S NO USE! JUST OPEN YOUR SPARKLING MOUTH, MATTHEW, AND LET THE WORDS COME FORTH...

"I'LL FIND HIM,"

GOOD THINKING, DD!

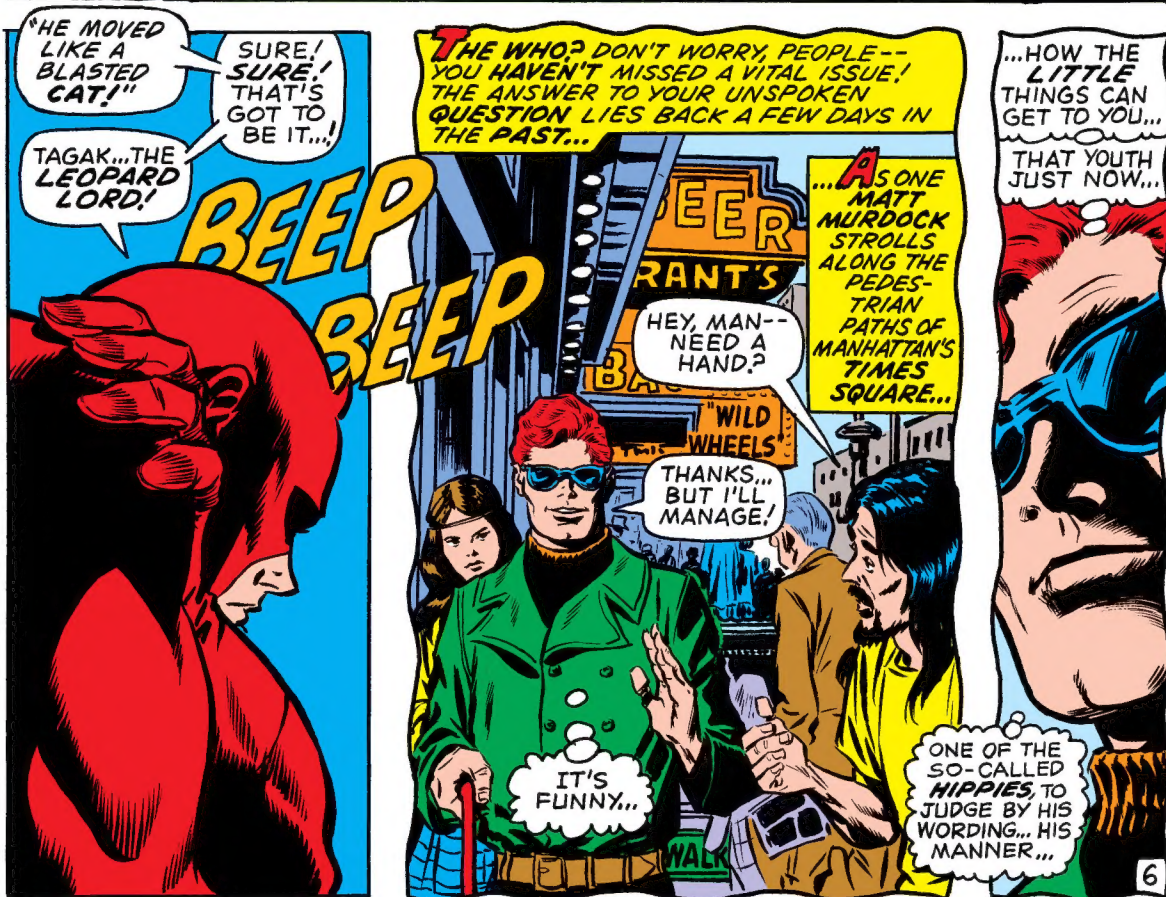
REALLY GOOD THINKING!

SO NOW WHAT, BRAIN BOY? GO BACK AND SAY, "WELL, I TRIED..."?



NO GO! SO WHAT DO YOU DO?

WAIT--WAIT JUST ONE MINUTE! WHAT DID THAT SERGEANT SAY?



"HE MOVED LIKE A BLASTED CAT!"

SURE! SURE! THAT'S GOT TO BE IT..."

TAGAK...THE LEOPARD LORD!

BEEP BEEP

THE WHO? DON'T WORRY, PEOPLE-- YOU HAVEN'T MISSED A VITAL ISSUE! THE ANSWER TO YOUR UNSPOKEN QUESTION LIES BACK A FEW DAYS IN THE PAST...

HEY, MAN-- NEED A HAND?

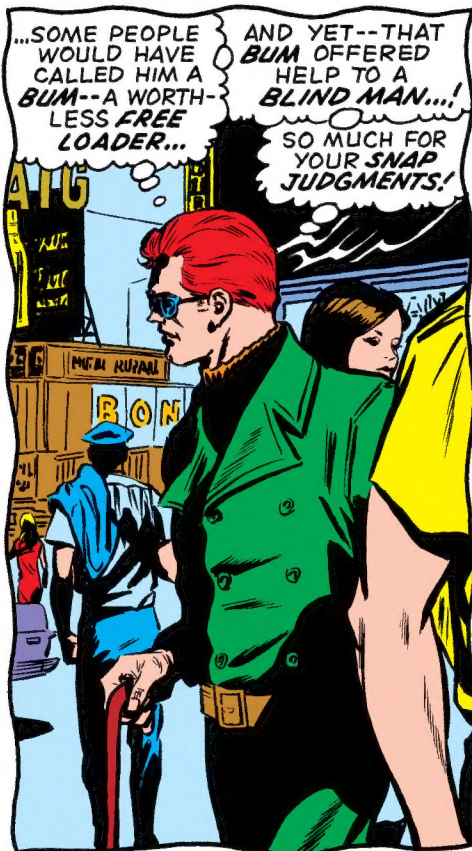
THANKS... BUT I'LL MANAGE!

IT'S FUNNY...

...AS ONE MATT MURDOCK STROLLS ALONG THE PEDESTRIAN PATHS OF MANHATTAN'S TIMES SQUARE...

...HOW THE LITTLE THINGS CAN GET TO YOU... THAT YOUTH JUST NOW...

ONE OF THE SO-CALLED HIPPIES TO JUDGE BY HIS WORDING... HIS MANNER...



...SOME PEOPLE
WOULD HAVE
CALLED HIM A
**BUM--A WORTH-
LESS FREE
LOADER...**

AND YET--THAT
BUM OFFERED
HELP TO A
BLIND MAN....!
SO MUCH FOR
YOUR **SNAP
JUDGMENTS!**



TOO OFTEN, PEOPLE
ARE **BLINDED** BY
APPEARANCES, BY
PRECONCEPTIONS!

SOMETIMES,
WE NEVER--

WHAT--..?

**A
SCREAM!**



VERY PERCEPTIVE, MR.
MURDOCK! NOW IF YOU
COULD ONLY SEE THE
CAUSE OF SAID SCREAM...!

CAUTION, OPAR--
THERE IS MUCH
HERE WE DO
NOT **YET** UNDER-
STAND.!

HARRY--
HARRY--
WHAT IS
IT?

IT SURE AINT
CREDENCE
CLEARWATER,
IRENE!
MOVE IT!



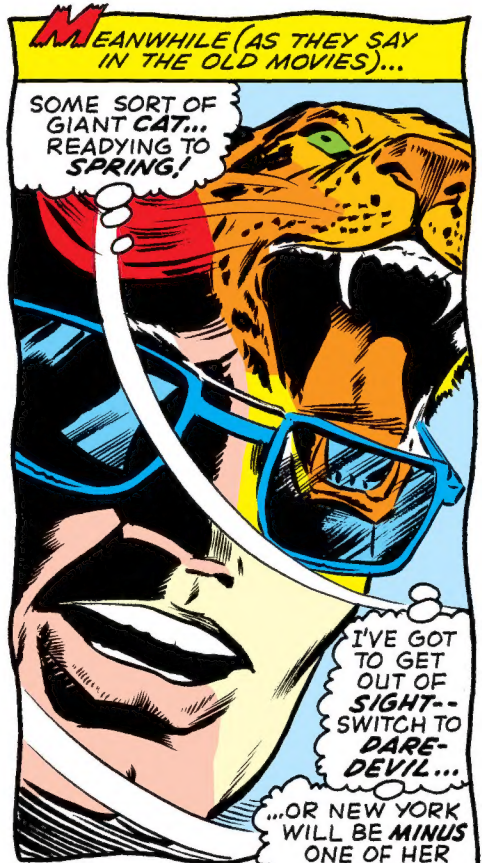
STOP!

ALL RIGHT, MISTER, YOU'D BETTER HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!

STOP???

THE LORD OF LEOPARDS STOPS FOR NO ONE!

DON'T MAKE ME SHOOT, FELLA! STAY BACK!



MEANWHILE (AS THEY SAY IN THE OLD MOVIES)...

SOME SORT OF GIANT CAT... READYING TO SPRING!

I'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF SIGHT-- SWITCH TO DARE-DEVIL...

...OR NEW YORK WILL BE MINUS ONE OF HER FINEST!



BAM

EVERYBODY-- KEEP BACK! GET OUTTA HERE!

YOU DON'T NEED TO TELL ME TWICE, PAL!

NEVER REALLY FELT LIKE A BLIND MAN BEFORE -- SO HELPLESS...
...SO TOTALLY ALONE--!



WHILE, ON THE STREET, ANOTHER MAN KNOWS THE TERROR OF HELP-LESSNESS...

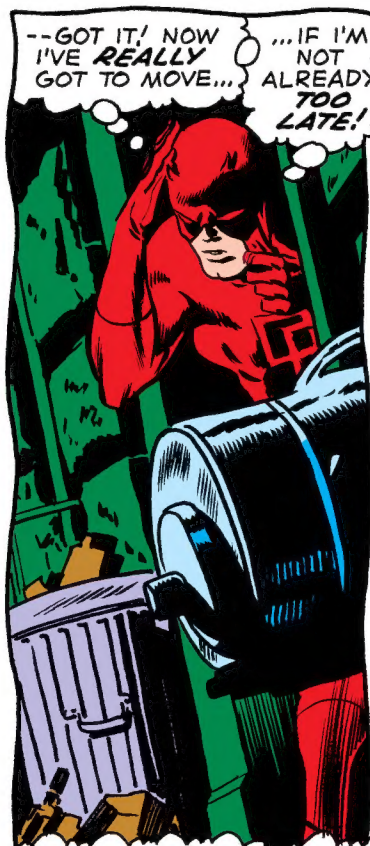
GET HIM OFF-- GET HIM--!

BOND
CLOT

AAARRR--!

DOWN, OPAR-- HE CANNOT HARM ME! DOWN!

OPAR!



--GOT IT! NOW I'VE **REALLY** GOT TO MOVE...

...IF I'M NOT ALREADY **TOO LATE!**



CROWD BELOW--I CAN PRACTICALLY **SMELL** THEIR PANIC! WHY DIDN'T ONE OF THEM **HELP** THAT POLICEMAN??

DON'T ASK, DD--YOU ALREADY **KNOW** THE ANSWER...

IT'S **DAREDEVIL!**

GO TO IT, DD!



...IT'S YOUR **NON-INVOLVEMENT** SOCIETY--NOBODY WANTS TO PLAY THE **SAMARITAN!**

ALTHOUGH--I GUESS I **WOULD** THINK TWICE ABOUT TACKLING AN ATTACKING **LEOPARD...**

...IF I COULD **SEE!**

NOW, NOW, KITTY--MUSTN'T PLAY WITH WHAT ISN'T **YOURS!**

HANG TIGHT, DD--HERE COMES THE OL' MOMENT OF **TRUTH!**

OPAR--



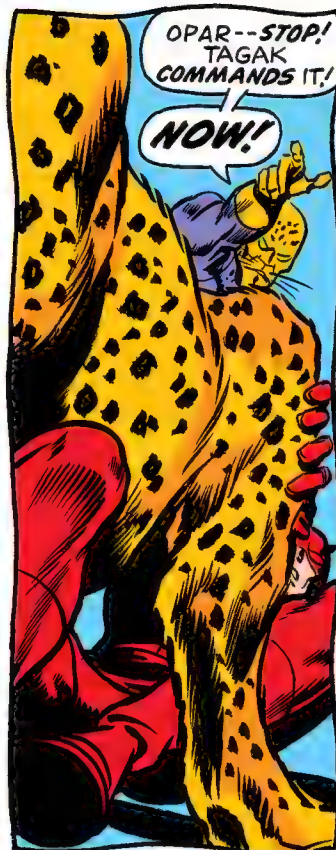
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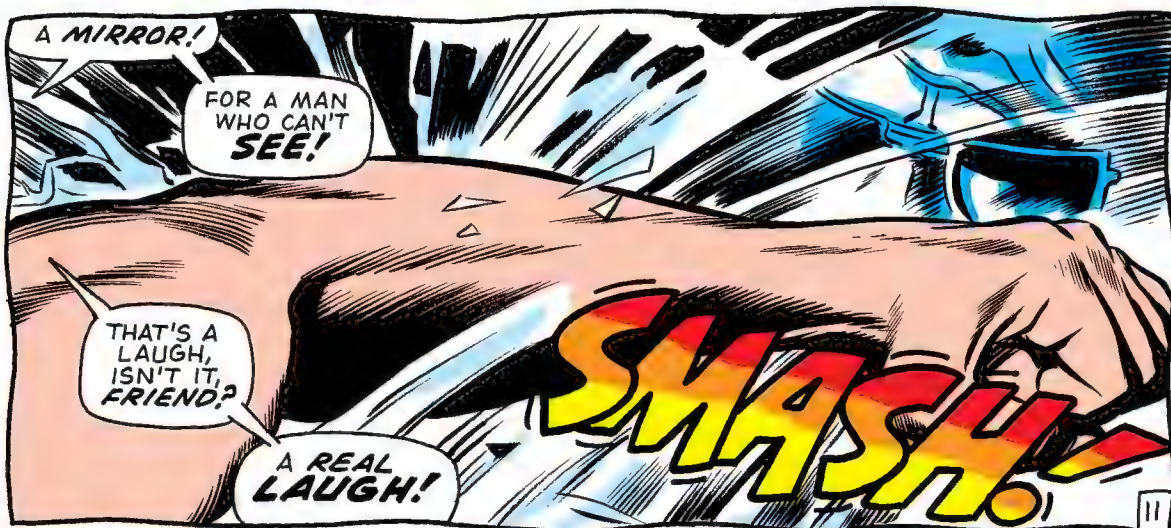
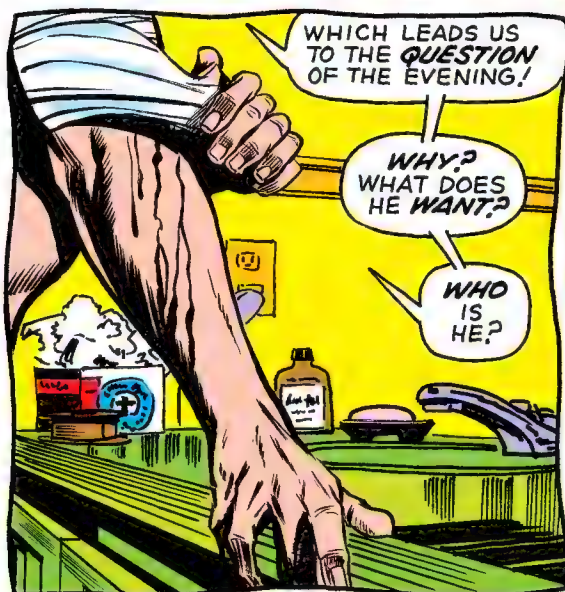
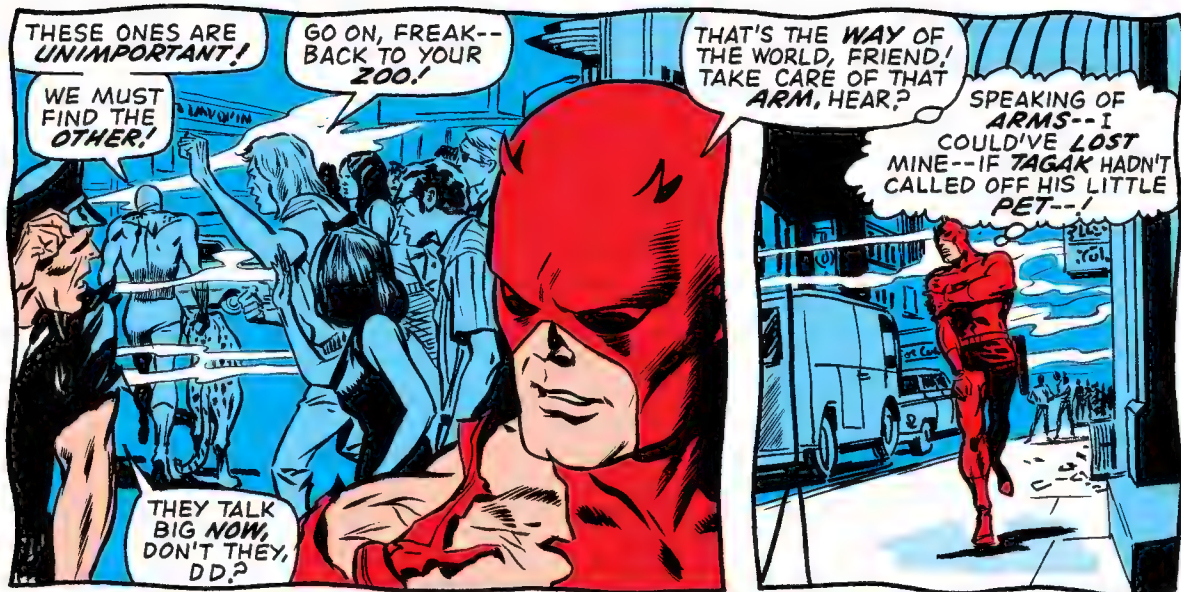


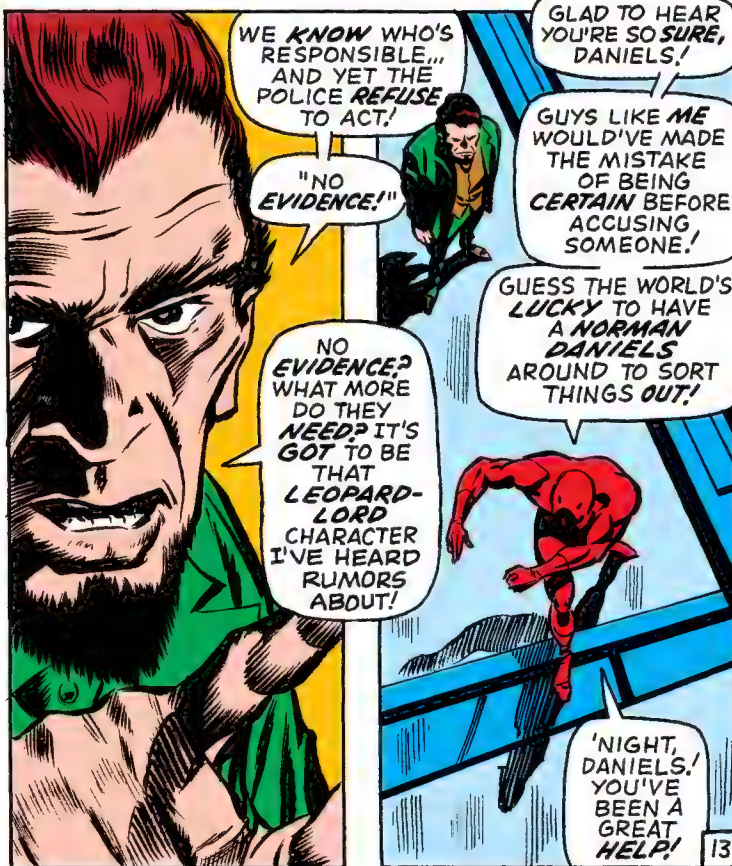
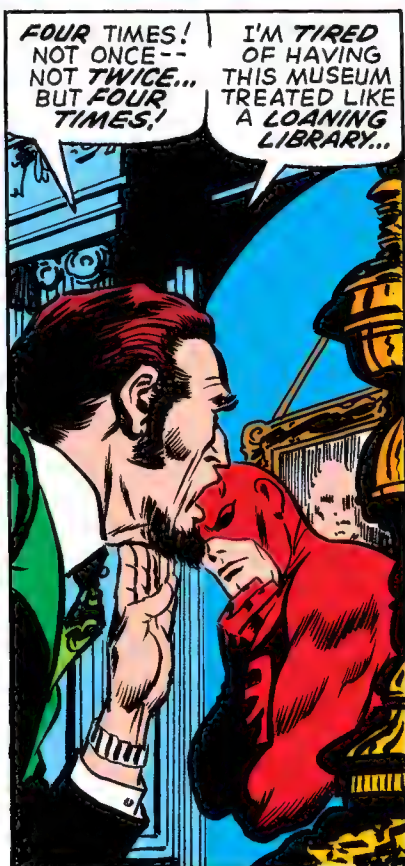
WATCH IT, MATTHEW! DON'T GET **TOO COCKY!**

THAT'S FIVE HUNDRED POUNDS OF **LEOPARD...**

...NOT A **TEDDY BEAR!**





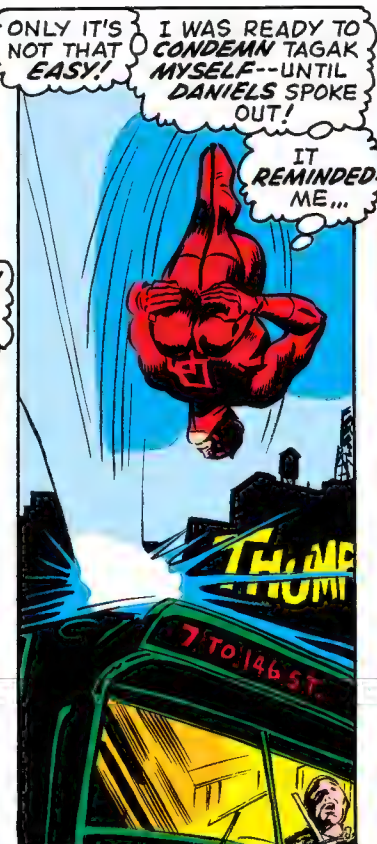




MEN LIKE DANIELS ANNOY ME!

THEY ACT AS THOUGH THEY'VE GOT A DIRECT HOTLINE TO GOD...

...WITH THE MAN UPSTAIRS GIVING THEM ALL THE ANSWERS!



ONLY IT'S NOT THAT EASY!

I WAS READY TO CONDEMN TAGAK MYSELF--UNTIL DANIELS SPOKE OUT!

IT REMINDED ME...



THINGS AREN'T ALWAYS WHAT THEY SEEM TO BE!

...LEAST OF ALL WHEN IT COMES TO PEOPLE!

HOLD IT, MATTHEW!



SOMETHING JUST TUGGED AT MY RADAR SENSE--

--DRAWING ON IT, LIKE A MAGNET!

IT'S UNCANNY! I CAN FEEL MYSELF BEING PULLED TOWARDS THAT WAREHOUSE...!

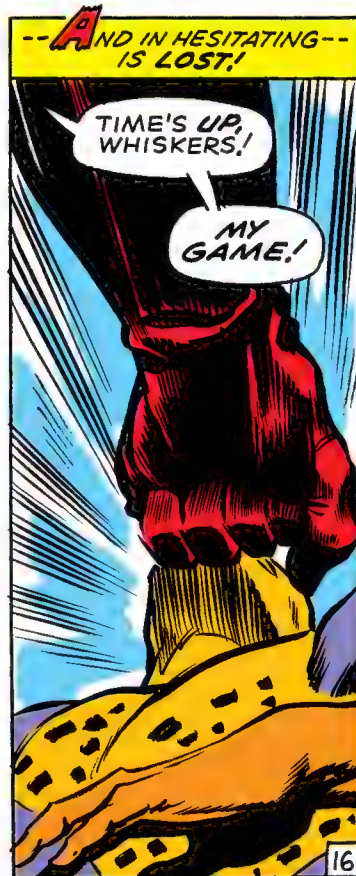
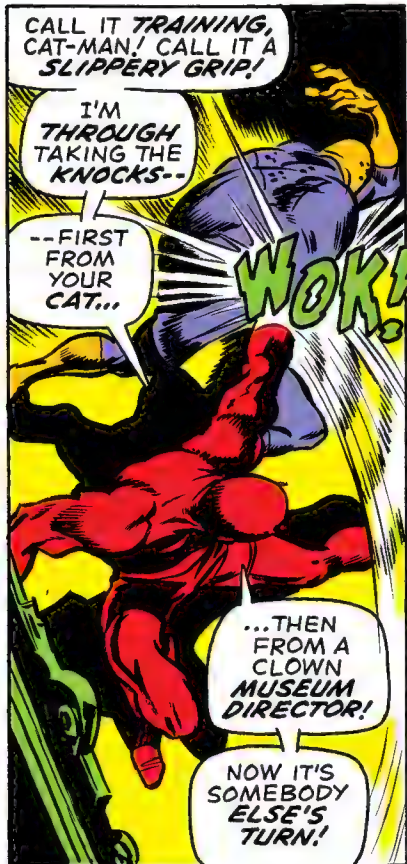
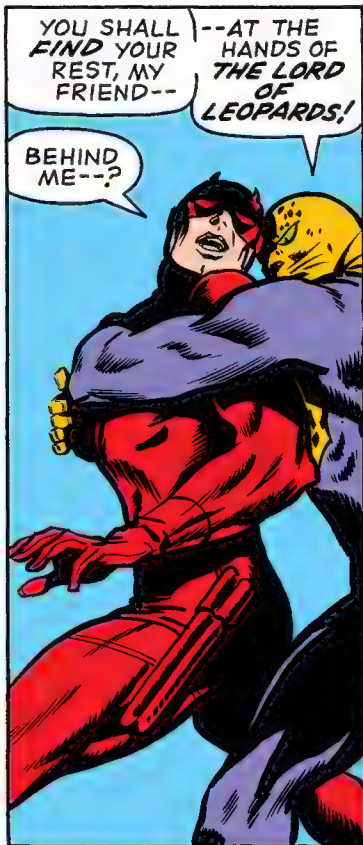


A MIRROR! I CAN SENSE ITS SMOOTH SURFACE--ITS ORNATE FRAME!

THIS SEEMS TO BE MY WEEK FOR REFLECTIONS! BUT WAIT...

...SOMETHING ABOUT IT--DRAINING ME...!







NOW MAYBE I'LL GET SOME **ANSWERS!** LIKE, NUMBER ONE... **WHO** YOU ARE...

...AND NUMBER **TWO**...HOW YOU PRETEND TO **SEE**-- WHEN YOU'RE **BLIND!**

HOW...?

BIG CLUE: THE WAY YOU **HESITATED** JUST NOW...

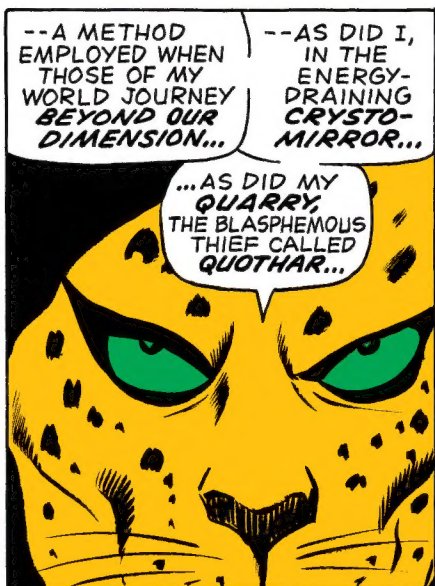
AND LET'S JUST SAY IT **TAKES** ONE TO **KNOW** ONE!



THEN **YOU**...? IT SEEMS THERE IS **MUCH** TO SPEAK ABOUT, MY FRIEND!

NORMALLY, I AM ABLE TO **SEE** THRU MY **LEOPARD'S EYES**...

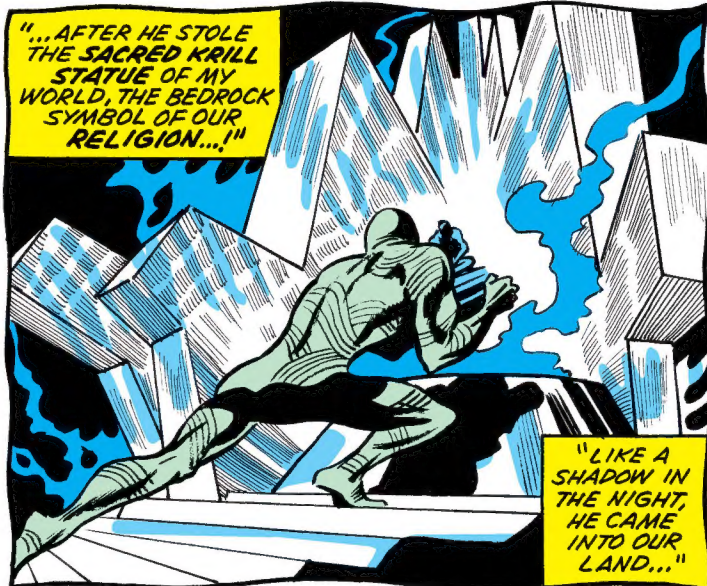
...THROUGH A SOPHISTICATED FORM OF **MIND LINKAGE**...



--A METHOD EMPLOYED WHEN THOSE OF MY WORLD JOURNEY **BEYOND OUR DIMENSION**...

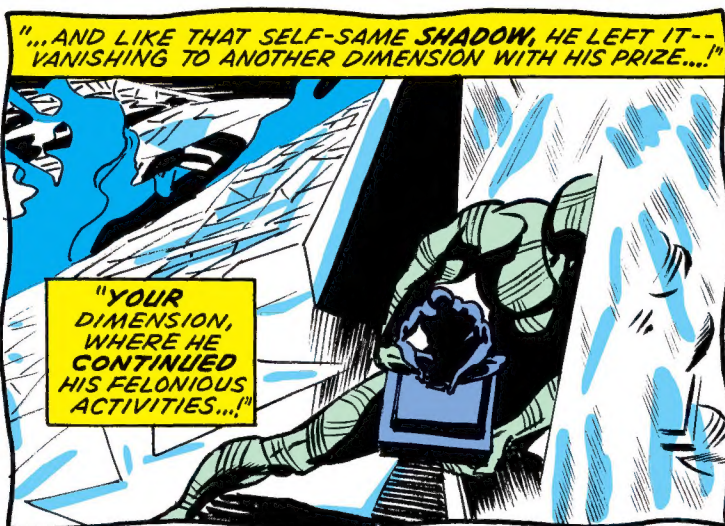
--AS DID I, IN THE **ENERGY-DRAINING CRYSTO-MIRROR**...

...AS DID MY **QUARRY**, THE **BLASPHEMOUS THIEF** CALLED **QUOTHAR**...



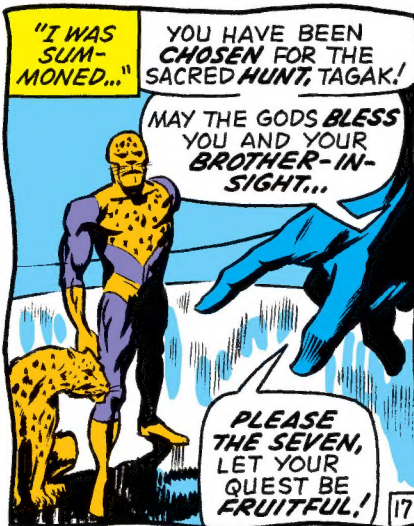
"...AFTER HE **STOLE** THE **SACRED KRILL STATUE** OF MY WORLD, THE **BEDROCK SYMBOL** OF OUR **RELIGION**..."

"LIKE A **SHADOW** IN THE **NIGHT**, HE CAME INTO OUR **LAND**..."



"...AND LIKE THAT **SELF-SAME SHADOW**, HE LEFT IT-- **VANISHING** TO ANOTHER **DIMENSION** WITH HIS **PRIZE**..."

"YOUR **DIMENSION**, WHERE HE **CONTINUED** HIS **FELONIOUS ACTIVITIES**..."



"I WAS **SUM-MONED**..."

YOU HAVE BEEN **CHOSEN** FOR THE **SACRED HUNT**, TAGAK!

MAY THE GODS **BLESS** YOU AND YOUR **BROTHER-IN-SIGHT**...

PLEASE THE **SEVEN**, LET YOUR QUEST BE **FRUITFUL!**

